

14 March 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller
SUBJECT : Plaque Honoring Allen Dulles -
Inscriptions

Much consideration was given to the inscription. The first suggestions included:

A great builder: of the invisible in his work;
of the visible in this Headquarters Building.

In his day he wrought not only this building.

Under whose guidance this building was erected.

This building was his concept and under his
guidance was erected.

Under whose guidance this building was
created.

This building is his monument to the craft
of intelligence.

This Headquarters building is a symbol of
his vision and leadership.

He inspired this building.

This building is a monument to his inspiration
and leadership.

Without him there would have been no building.

Among his many monuments is this building.

From these and others the Fine Arts Commission recommended
in its memorandum to you dated 15 July 1966 that the following

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be inscribed on the bas relief plaque:

This Headquarters was his concept and under
his guidance was built.

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The Director asked for further recommendations. A few pages
of new suggestions were submitted by either [redacted] or
Sherman Kent containing a number of Latin and Greek quotations.
Among them was the Latin inscription from St. Paul's Cathedral,
architected by Sir Christopher Wren, which was chosen and recom-
mended in a translated form. This translated form was subse-
quently modified into the present inscription

HIS MONUMENT IS AROUND US

and approved by the Director.

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Chairman
Fine Arts Commission

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